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SUBJ: SENEGALESE CANDIDACY FOR THIRD VICE DIRECTOR OF WIPO

REF: DAKAR 4713, 4971

1. ACCORDING TO THE AGENDA, THE ONLY HIGH-LEVEL WIPO OFFICIAL TO BE ELECTED AT THE NOVEMBER 19-27 WIPO ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS WILL BE THE NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL TO SUCCEED PRESENT INCUMBENT BODENHAUSEN, WHO IS RETIRING.

2. UNDER CONSIDERATION AT THE NOVEMBER WIPO GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING WILL BE A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH FOUR DIRECTORIAL POSTS, E.G., FOUR DEPUTY DIRECTORS GENERAL, OR TWO DEPUTY DIRECTORS GENERAL AND TWO ASSISTANT DIRECTORS GENERAL. IT IS NOT RPT NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME WHETHER THE WIPO GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL APPROVE THESE POSTS. IT IS ONE OF THESE HIGH-LEVEL POSTS TO WHICH GOUDIAM ASPIRES.

3. IF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POSTS IS APPROVED, THE PROCEDURE THEN TO BE FOLLOWED WILL BE FOR THE NEW WIPO DIRECTOR GENERAL TO SELECT AT A FUTURE DATE NOMINEES FOR

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THE DIRECTORIAL POSTS. AS THESE NOMINATIONS MUST BE

APPROVED BY THE WIPO GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH NORMALLY MEETS TRIENNIALLY, A SPECIAL MEETING OF THIS BODY WILL BE CONVENED FOR THAT PURPOSE IN 1974. IN ORDER TO HOLD THE SPECIAL WIPO GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING AT A CONVENIENT

TIME AND TO SAVE EXPENSES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION, IT PROBABLY WILL BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER 1974, WHEN OTHER WIPO ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL MEETINGS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THE EMBASSY MAY INFORM GOUNDIAM THAT THE USG WILL GIVE FULL CONSIDERATION TO ALL CANDIDATES FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INCLUDING SENEGAL IN 1974. THE EMBASSY MAY ALSO WISH TO POINT OUT TO GOUNDIAM THAT UNDOUBTEDLY THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF CANDIDATES FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR A HIGH-LEVEL POST IN WIPO WHICH ALL MEMBER STATES OF WIPO WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER.

5. FYI. THERE ALREADY ARE SEVERAL ASPIRANTS TO A HIGH-LEVEL POST. AT THE PRESENT TIME, THERE REPORTEDLY ARE CANDIDATES FROM INDIA, CAMEROON AND MEXICO. ONLY WHEN IT IS KNOWN WHAT CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN PROPOSED OFFICIALLY BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS WILL THE DEPT BE ABLE TO COMMIT ITS SUPPORT TO ANY INDIVIDUAL. END FYI. RUSH

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